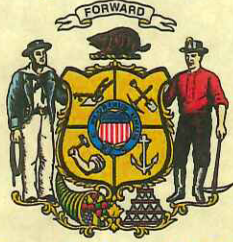


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; children are the future of Wisconsin and we continue to work towards a state that is greater for them than the one we grew up in; and

WHEREAS; our communities benefit from children who become contributing members of our society; and

WHEREAS; finding solutions to child maltreatment requires input and action from everyone in our communities; and

WHEREAS; education efforts increase public awareness about ways to recognize and prevent child abuse; and

WHEREAS; community efforts are instrumental in combating the long-term effects of child maltreatment including psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS; effective child abuse prevention programs succeed as a result of partnerships among citizens, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS; prevention remains the best defense for our children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I call upon all citizens to "Say Something, Do Something for Kids" by dedicating ourselves to the task of preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 4th day of March 2016.

A handwritten signature of Scott Walker in black ink.
SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature of Douglas La Follette in blue ink.
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State